

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II
EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08817

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 2-SA-ER

DATE: April 8, 1975

SUBJECT: Oil Spill Investigation, Central Railroad of New Jersey Property,
Newark, New Jersey

TO:

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At 9:20 a.m. on 2 April 1975, Ed Cotterell of the NJSDEP and I left to re-inspect the landfill area that had been leaching oil into Lawyer's Creek during our first visit on 18 March.

At 9:50 a.m. we met with Mr. Raft representing the Central Railroad of New Jersey, Mr. Ottilio and Mr. Lottio, operators of the landfill (now called Ottilio Landfill), and two members of the NJSDEP Division of Solid Waste. The address for Ottilio Landfill operators is: Ottilio Landfill, 555 Preakness Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

A great deal of work had been done to improve the area. Large mounds of dirt had been emptied in the area to grade the landfill and to build dirt walls around the landfill to keep illegal dumpers out. Two filter fences had been installed in the portion of Lawyer's Creek in the landfill. This was effectively stopping further leaching of oil into the creek from the landfill. When the site preparation was finished, Mr. Ottilio indicated that no further illegal dumping would be done in the landfill. In property adjacent to the landfill, owned by Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G), illegal dumping was also taking place. However, liquids from this area were not getting into Lawyer's Creek.

In summary, it appears as though what reasonably could be done to stop the leaching from the landfill into Lawyer's Creek and the Passaic River has been voluntarily done by the landfill operators. It is recommended that the Coast Guard be contacted to determine if the oil pollution case opened against Ottilio Landfill and the Central Railroad of New Jersey can be dropped.

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